

PUBLIC WORKS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

June 3, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen  
Commissioner Jack Black  
Commissioner Gary Farley  
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho  
Commissioner Robert Stevens  
Commissioner Brad Turner  
Commissioner Joe Frank Jernigan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess      Doug Demosi  
Mac Nolen             David Jones  
Jeff Davidson        Eric Hill  
Becky Shelton

Chairman Jernigan presided and called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting as mailed. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

PLANNING COMMISSION REPORT:

Doug Demosi presented the Planning Commission report for the use and information of the Committee with information on available subdivision lots and the Public Works report. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Planning Commission report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Eric Hill next presented a Proposal from the State Department of Transportation under the State Industrial Access program advising the State intends to fix a dip in Jefferson Pike from the off ramp of I-840 for about 1,000 feet out. The work will benefit McCormick Trucking and allow for development of more land to generate property tax. The area in question has limited sight distance and is a dangerous area having a lot of car accidents. Mr. Hill advised this project was being pulled out of the big project on Jefferson Pike to move this part forward quicker. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Black moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the proposal with the State Department of Transportation, designated as State Project Number 75946-2456-04, that is described as S.R. 266 from east of S.R. 840 to west of Mona Road. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BUILDING CODES REPORT:

David Jones presented the Building Codes report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Black, to approve the Building Codes report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

CONVENIENCE CENTERS REPORT AND LANDFILL REPORT:

Mac Nolen presented the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports for the use and information of the Committee advising the Rutherford County landfill may have five years left and at some point a decision needed to be made as to whether to close or pursue expansion. Additionally, Middle Point Landfill has approximately twelve years or so left. Mayor Burgess advised the County will lose \$1,000,000 in revenue and have to come up with several million dollars to put trash elsewhere and taxpayers will have to pay this.

Commissioner Farley asked for information purposes only if the County landfill was sold and if Middle Point mined it would that give Rutherford County more time. Mr. Nolen advised while it may be an option he thought the County needed to go for the expansion. Mr. Nolen and Mr. Davidson have been researching alternatives. Mr. Nolen advised optimally he would like to have waste energy with tires and sludge in place within a couple of years but studies were needed.

Mr. Nolen advised at this time he was looking for a decision on convenience centers. He has previously advised how busy the centers are on the weekend and that loads on Sundays have to be handled twice. Mr. Nolen advised the County cannot continue to operate as it has in the past and was recommending that effective July 1 the centers only take in household trash and recyclables on Sundays. Extraneous items such as sofas would not be accepted on Sundays. Mr. Nolen advised if the County wants to continue as it has in the past then he will need to put on more drivers. It is costing the County \$257,000 per year to be open on Sundays.

Mayor Burgess advised the County was having to start funding the electronic recycling and there is not enough revenue to sustain the Solid Waste Department. \$1,100,000 of next year's budget is not funded and coming from fund balance. Mr. Nolen advised at some point a Maintenance Department will be needed.

Commissioner Farley advised he was afraid if the County doesn't take the bulky items citizens will complain but he did understand the cost issue. Chairman Jernigan advised people will have to plan better. Mr. Nolen advised the culture has to be changed as to recycling and waste.

Commissioner Farley asked if the County could be mapped out for curbside pick up of the larger items. Mr. Nolen advised he has no way to pick it up plus the expense. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the change effective July 6, 2014 to take only household waste and recycling on Sundays at Convenience Centers. This motion failed by roll call vote with Commissioners Allen, Sourinho and Stevens voting "yes" and Commissioners Farley, Turner and Jernigan voting "no"."

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the change effective August 3, 2014 to take only household waste and recycling on Sundays at Convenience Centers. This motion passed by roll call vote with Commissioners Allen, Sourinho, Stevens, Turner and Jernigan voting "yes" and Commissioner Farley voting "no"."

Commissioner Farley advised at some point the County needed to do fee based collection on electronics and he supported that.

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Landfill and Convenience Centers reports as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Mr. Nolen next presented proposed budget amendments to

- (1) fund electronics recycling for the remainder of the fiscal year;
- (2) fund communication and utilities for the remainder of the year.

From: 116-55739-733 Solid Waste Equipment -	\$ 20,000
To: 116-55739-399 Other Contracted Services -	\$ 20,000
From: 116-55732-402 Asphalt -	\$ 9,000
To: 116-55732-307 Communications -	\$ 4,000
To: 116-55732-452 Utilities -	\$ 5,000
From: 116-55754-409 Crushed Stone -	\$ 1,000
To: 116-55754-452 Utilities -	\$ 1,000

"Commissioner Farley moved, seconded by Commissioner Stevens, to approve the budget amendments as requested by the Solid Waste

Department. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT:

No Highway Department report was presented at this time.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman Jernigan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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JOE FRANK JERNIGAN, Chairman